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Dear Dave,

That great expert on the FBI, Athan Theoharis, who apparently is content to accept from the FBI as full compliance with his FOIA eequests what it gives him, without ever going tocourt to make it comply, has an article in the current The Nation.

It reflects that he has learned remarkable little about the FBI's inner workings.

He says that Bot Recorded records are used for the FBI to keep their content secret because they are not indexed and thus not located on searches.

In fact they are duplicates of Recorded copies that are file elsewhere, in another or other files.

Where as a matter of fact they are indexed. Not having their own serial numbers in the duplicate files the index states the number of records before or after the closest serial number in the duplicate filings.

He also mentions Louis Nichols as merely an FBI assistant director. He apprently never learned Nichols' true function. He preceeded Martha DeLoach as head of "Crime Records," which handles leaking, lobbying, blackmail (polite, of course), as of Members of the Congress.

I was really quite ~~xxxxxxxx~~ surprised.

Theoharis seems to have just decided for himself, without having learned from his examinations of FBI records or asking anyone else. Even the FBI would have told him. They have not kept the above secret.

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